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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 445,500 IN APRIL

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment increased by 4,400 in the March-April period, as continued seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector more than offset a slight decrease in Manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 445,500 in April. This represents a gain of 4,400 from the March level and is 6,600 greater than the April 1986 figure of 438,900.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased by 400 in April to 119,800. However, this figure was 900 jobs more than the April 1986 level of 118,900. Employment in the Durable Goods sector declined by 400 from March to 82,100, but was up 500 compared to a year ago. The current Nondurable Goods employment total of 37,700 was unchanged from the March level, but showed a gain of 400 jobs from the figure recorded in April 1986.

Within the Durable Goods category, a monthly payroll increase of 100 in Lumber/Furniture was overshadowed by decreases of 100 each in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, Jewelry-Silverware and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their March employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the largest employment gain in Durable Goods was recorded in Jewelry-Silverware (+600), followed by Fabricated Metals (+300) and

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WORK FORCE 2000 TRENDS

Rhode Island employers! Did you know....

- The population and the labor force will grow very slowly over the next 15 years. (By the year 2000 the work force will increase by only 1% annually.)
- The pool of young workers entering the labor market will shrink.
- With the decline of young workers, the average age of the work force will rise. (Average age of the work force will increase from 35 today to 39 in 2000.)
- More women will enter the work force, although the rate of increase will taper off.
- Immigrants will represent the largest share of the increase in population and work force since World War I.
- Most labor force growth through the year 2000 will come from groups in the population that have traditionally been underutilized and suffer from labor market problems.
- Jobs will continue to shift from goods-producing industries to service sector. (Predictions are that by 1995, 90% of the new jobs will be in services and only 8% in manufacturing.)
- International competition and technological change means that many new and existing jobs will require higher levels of analytic skills.
- Rapid turnover and change of industries and firms will require workers to adjust more quickly and more often.
- Between now and 2000, labor markets may be tighter than any time in recent history. Employers may face skill shortages.
- A key ingredient for economic growth over the next 15 years will be a willingness by individuals, companies, unions, government and other instititions to adapt and respond to a rapidly changing economy.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Total Placements	971	746	1,341
New Applications	2,482	2,739	3,064
New Openings Rec'd.	2,369	2,551	2,601

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	% Change Mar. 1987
Initial Claims	6,275	6,961	- 9.9
No. of Payments	49,067	65,393	- 25.0
Amt. of Payments	$ 6,552,783	$ 9,094,921	- 28.0
Exhaustions	1,294	1,186	+ 9.1

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Initial Claims	3,598	3,843	3,654
No. of Payments	25,074	29,377	25,750
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,887,015	$ 4,504,266	$ 3,406,684

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	512.3	506.0	507.1
Unemployment	21.9	21.9	21.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.3	4.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.2	3.9	4.1

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	330.5	329.9	327.9
Unemployment	13.8	14.8	15.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	4.5	4.6

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	164.6	163.3	164.0
Unemployment	8.8	9.0	9.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	5.5	5.5

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	33,665	33,590	33,165
Unemployment	1,300	1,425	1,365
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	4.2	4.1

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBURARY 16-20, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	17,204	100.0
Men	10,275	59.7
Under 45	7,303	71.1
45 and over	2,972	28.9
Women	6,929	40.3
Under 45	4,241	61.2
45 and Over	2,688	38.8
industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,151	18.3
Manufactruing	5,779	33.6
Public Utilities	1,046	6.1
Wholesale and Retail	2,046	11.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	433	2.5
Service	2,240	13.0
All Other	2,509	14.6
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,150	6.7
Clerical and Sales	2,240	13.0
Service	1,613	9.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	911	5.3
Processing	702	4.1
Machine Trades	2,046	11.9
Bench Work	2,375	13.8
Structural Work	3,480	20.2
Miscellaneous	1,762	10.2
INA	925	5.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	445.5	441.1	438.9	+ 4400	+ 6600
MANUFACTURING	119.8	120.2	118.9	- 400	+ 900
NONMANUFACTURING	325.7	320.9	320.0	+ 4800	+ 5700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.4	15.8	16.8	+ 1600	+ 600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.7	14.6	14.3	+ 100	+ 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	98.2	96.9	96.4	+ 1300	+ 1800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.1	24.7	-	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	111.5	109.8	109.1	+ 1700	+ 2400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.8	58.7	58.7	+ 100	+ 100

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.8	120.2	118.9	- 400	+900	$ 332.93	319.52	40.7	40.6	$ 8.18	7.87
DURABLE GOODS	82.1	82.5	81.6	- 400	+500	328.85	319.12	40.8	40.6	8.06	7.86
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.3	3.2	3.3	+100	-	386.16	376.48	41.3	40.7	9.35	9.25
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-	411.26	392.40	40.8	40.0	10.08	9.81
PRIMARY METALS	5.5	5.6	5.5	- 100	-	402.12	392.73	43.1	43.3	9.33	9.07
FABRICATED METALS	9.9	9.9	9.6	-	+300	300.60	286.53	39.5	40.3	7.61	7.11
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8*	5.9*	6.0*	- 100	- 200	436.72	434.32	42.9	44.5	10.18	9.76
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.2	12.1	-	+100	314.11	301.76	40.9	41.0	7.68	7.36
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.3	9.4	9.5	- 100	- 200	418.70	422.87	39.8	40.7	10.52	10.39
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	5.0*	-	-	332.03	310.84	41.4	40.9	8.02	7.60
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.9	24.0	23.3	- 100	+600	259.05	249.77	40.1	39.9	6.46	6.26
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.6	5.6	- 100	- 100	252.39	247.65	35.8	36.1	7.05	6.86
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.7	37.7	37.3	-	+400	334.49	319.55	40.3	40.5	8.30	7.89
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.3	3.0	- 100	+200	285.39	256.43	37.9	37.6	7.53	6.82
TEXTILES	10.3	10.4	10.5	- 100	- 200	307.43	298.49	41.1	41.4	7.48	7.21
APPAREL	3.1	3.1	3.2	-	- 100	287.80	277.53	42.2	42.5	6.82	6.53
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-	294.03	293.45	40.5	41.1	7.26	7.14
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.7	6.8	+100	-	421.12	414.34	37.6	38.4	11.20	10.79
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 100	+100	425.54	420.45	40.8	40.9	10.43	10.28
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.2	1.2	1.2	-	-	346.93	329.94	41.9	42.3	8.28	7.80
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.2	5.1	4.9	+100	+300	337.82	309.64	40.8	39.8	8.28	7.78
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.3	2.3	+100	+100	239.20	224.87	40.0	40.3	5.98	5.58

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Electrical Machinery (+100). Annual declines of 200 each were reported in Nonelectrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment, while the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment was down 100 for the same period. Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries was unchanged from a year earlier.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains of 100 each occurred in Printing-Publishing, Plastics Products and Leather Products. In contrast, monthly downturns of 100 each were posted in Food-Beverage, Textiles and Chemical Products. Employment in Apparel, Paper Products and Rubber Products was unchanged from last month. On an annual comparison, the largest increase in the number of jobs was registered in Plastics Products (+300). Also up from their year ago employment totals were Food-Beverage (+200), Chemical Products (+100) and Leather Products (+100). Contrary to this, a decline of 200 workers was reported in Textiles, while Apparel jobs decreased by 100 for the twelve month period. Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from April 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 4,800 from March to April, mainly the result of continued seasonal gains in Services, Construction and Trade. The current level of 325,700 also represents an increase of 5,700 jobs compared to the April 1986 figure of 320,000.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the most sizable monthly increase (+1,700) occurred in the Services segment. At 111,500, Service payrolls were also up 2,400 from the previous April. Employment in Contract Construction advanced by 1,600 to the current level of 17,400, which was 600 above the total recorded a year ago. Wholesale and Retail Trade payrolls, at 98,200, reflected a monthly gain of 1,300 and an annual increase of 1,800. Both Transportation and Public Utilities, at 14,700, and total Government employment, at 58,800, rose by 100 in the March-April period. Compared to April 1986, the former increased by 400 jobs while the latter was up 100. Employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate remained at its March level of 25,100, but showed a gain of 400 from its year earlier figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 1 cent to $8.18 in mid-April. This represents a gain of 31 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in April to 40.7 hours, but was 0.1 of an hour higher than reported in April 1986. Average weekly earnings for these workers in April amounted to $332.93. While this reflects a decrease of 41 cents from last month, it is $13.41 more than was reported in April of last year.

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